

Senate Bill No. 1498

CHAPTER 236

An act to add Section 8961.13 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to dead bodies.

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SB 1498, Karnette. Public cemetery districts: cremated remains: placement.

Existing law authorizes a public cemetery district to maintain a cemetery or cemeteries.

This bill would authorize a district to acquire, construct, improve, maintain, and repair a columbarium for the placement of cremated human remains. The bill would authorize a district to sell burial rights in niches of a columbarium, and would require the district to establish rates for the sale of those burial rights.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 8961.13 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

8961.13. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, a district may acquire, construct, improve, maintain, and repair a columbarium for the placement of cremated remains.

(b) A district that possesses a columbarium pursuant to this section may sell the burial rights in niches to residents, taxpayers, and nonresidents, who are otherwise authorized by this part to purchase burial rights in a cemetery lot or plot of the district.

(c) A district that sells burial rights in niches pursuant to subdivision (b) shall establish a rate pursuant to Section 8961.4.

